

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 29 as follows:

The blank 32 preferably is formed having a longitudinal axis 44 shown as a dotted line. The blank 32 is circular knit in a first knit direction 46 and a second knit direction 48. The first opening 42 in this embodiment is substantially "U" shaped, however the first opening 42 may be any shape known in the art and may be a slit, circular, an arch, an ellipse, polygonal, a rectangular shaped aperture or any shaped desired. In the illustrated embodiment, elasticated edge 34 is curved with respect to first and second knitting directions 46, 48. The blank 32 may be circularly knit with the first opening 42, or the first opening may be formed by a manual cutting operation subsequent to a time that the blank is circularly knit.